

Who Quickeneth all Things

1 Tim 6:13-16

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The single greatest motivating factor in person's life-- view of God.

A person's lifestyle reflects what believes about God.

J.B.Phillips reason Christians ineffective-- *Your God is Too Small*

A.W.Tozer *What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us ...The history of mankind will probably show that no people has ever risen above its religion, and man's spiritual history will positively demonstrate that no religion has ever been greater than its idea of God.... For this reason the gravest question before the Church is always God Himself, and the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like.... Were we able to extract from any man a complete answer to the question, "What comes into your mind when you think about God?" we might predict with certainty the spiritual future of that man. (Tozer, 9)*

Timothy in great need of encouragement.

Six attributes of God.

1. Great Giver of Life

1 Timothy 6:13

Quickeneth all things: give life; make alive, spiritual power to arouse and invigorate; to preserve life.

When God involved, there is life.

who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; John 18:36-37.

Jesus tells Pilate He is king and Messiah...His kingdom is represented by truth. Jesus knew this confession result in crucifixion

Jesus didn't back off ... He was committed to watchful eye of God, the Father, ... raises from the dead (Col 2:12).

Keep presenting truth, Timothy.

Representing God of universe.

Mac: *Understanding God's power to raise the dead allows the man of God to freely give away his life in sacrificial service. Luke 9:24.... Viewing his ministry in that light frees the man of God to pursue it fearlessly to the utmost.*

who quickeneth all things, Gives life to, sustains, preserves life

First: In beginning God gave life to universe.

Created all things.

Genesis 1:1 Eccl 12:1; Isa 40:28; 43:15; Rom 1:25; 1 Pet 4:19

Second, From beginning God sustains life.

Keeps things alive at will.

Nehemiah 9:6 Acts 17:28

Third: God guards His family.

Child of God cannot die until God says "Come home."

Psalm 37:28 Psalm 91:11-14 Psalm 56:11

Fourth: God gives eternal life.

Timothy, These men can threaten you,plot to take life but remember – at moment of death ushered into presence of God.

Acts 20:22-24 2 Cor 5:8 Job 19:26

2. Great Conqueror. God is invincible. Unbeatable. Unconquerable. Never subdued.

1 Timothy 6:14-15

Keep this commandment: things Paul told Timothy

A. What to do: Keep commandment. Flee, follow, fight.

B. How do it: without spot, unrebukeable

C. How long: until Jesus comes

A. What to do. **14 That thou keep this commandment**

Flee, Follow, fight.

B. How do it. *without spot, unrebukeable*

Without spot: unsullied, unblemished. Obey Word,

Unrebukeable: no occasion for reproach or reproof; irreproachable
Philippians 2:15

C. How long? *until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Appearing: when Jesus shows up, makes His appearance.

Until Jesus visibly and gloriously comes down to earth to judge and set up His kingdom.

Acts 1:11 Matthew 24:27- 31; 25:31

All history come to end.

Christ vindicated ...all who are His.

John 14:1-4; 1 Thess. 4:13-18 James 4:14 2 Timothy 4:7-8 Colossians 3:4

Romans 8:18-19 1 John 3:2

3. One who is Blessed.

1 Timothy 6:15

Blessed: happy, content, fulfilled.

In God there is no unhappiness, discontent, or worry. Always fulfilled.

God always satisfied and at peace.

Always perfectly joyful.

Nothing changes supernatural contentment.

In control of everything

As I grow in my personal relationship with God I enter into this blessedness.

Psalm 32:1 Psalm 2:12 Psalm 32:1, 2 Psalm 33:12 Psalm 34:8 Psalm 40:4

Psalm 84:5 Psalm 84:12 Psalm 119:1 Romans 4:6-8

4. One who is Omnipotent.

All powerful.

...and only Potentate

Potentate: Prince, of High authority, mighty, ruler.

Exercises supreme and permanent authority, sovereign.

Only Potentate: His power to rule is inherent in Himself.

All powerful and rules everything everywhere.

the King of kings, and Lord of lords; above all. The only God.

Isaiah 43:13 Deut. 4:35, 39; 6:4; 32:39; 1 Sam. 2:2; 2 Sam. 7:22; 22:32; 1 Kings 8:23, 60; 2 Kings 19:15, 19; 2 Chron. 6:14; Neh. 9:6; Pss. 18:31; 86:10; Isa. 37:16, 20; 43:10; 44:6, 8; 45:5-6, 21-22; 46:9; Joel 2:27; 1 Cor. 8:4, 6 Isaiah 40:25-31

Same title Emperors used.

Deification of emperors prevalent during time

One of main reasons for persecution and martyrdom of Christians.

If refuse to bow down to Caesar considered treason.

Omnipotence and sovereignty of God--one of most powerful doctrines in Bible.

Knowing God in control all time.

Nothing surprises God

Isaiah 46:11

Mac: Because He is in total control, there is no need to worry, to compromise, to equivocate, or to manipulate to achieve a goal.

5. One who is Immortal.

1 Timothy 6:16

...Who only hath immortality

Immortality: deathless.

Life never ends ... incapable of dying.

Beyond all history and time.

Isaiah 40:28 Psalm 90:2 Micah 5:2

6. One who is Holy

...dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto

Preeminent and supreme.

Transcendent.

Out of our range

Inaccessible

Mac: *He lives in an atmosphere of absolute purity, far too holy for mortals to ever enter.*

Martin Luther. *He is the hidden God.*

Mac: *Had He not revealed Himself and come out of His holy habitation, man could have had no knowledge of Him.*

Psalm 104:1-2 Ex.33:19-20 Hebrews 12:29 Exodus 15:11 1 Samuel 2:2

John 1.18 Jesus has fully revealed God to us.

Because of intimacy with God, Jesus able to give us full revelation of God, the Father.

If want to see explanation of God....Lord Jesus Christ.

Cannot know God without knowing Son, Jesus Christ.

to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

God is always to be respected

His rule will last forever.

Amen: That's right!

So What?

How does view of God affect lives?

1. Great Giver of Life
2. Great Conqueror
3. One who is Blessed.
4. One who is Omnipotent.
5. One who is Immortal.
6. The One who is Holy